

1-20-1992

Currents, Vol.10, No.7 (Jan.20, 1992)

Robert S. Caswell
University of Southern Maine

Susan E. Swain
University of Southern Maine

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu/currents>

 Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Caswell, Robert S. and Swain, Susan E., "Currents, Vol.10, No.7 (Jan.20, 1992)" (1992). *Currents*. 80.
<https://digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu/currents/80>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives at USM Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Currents by an authorized administrator of USM Digital Commons. For more information, please contact jessica.c.hovey@maine.edu.



CURRENTS

University of Southern Maine

Volume 10, Number 7

January 20, 1992

Budget Strategy for Spring

Saying he is pleased with the energy and candor shown by participants in the budget reduction process, President Richard L. Pattenaudd has put into effect the cuts proposed in a memo distributed to the campus at the end of last semester. Those cuts, totalling \$1.6 million through the end of the current fiscal year on June 30, are outlined in the sidebar story.

In addition, department heads and budget managers have received directives from Vice President for Administration Sam Andrews about adjustments to their individual budgets for the current round of cuts.

Cuts were implemented after the president and his staff reviewed all recommendations forwarded to him by department heads and by the ad hoc and senate committees established last semester. Feedback from campus on the December 17 memo was positive, he said. "Although we're forced by events to make painful decisions, I feel good about what we accomplished. It was an effective process—it worked for the cuts we had to do in a very short time. Now we must look forward to more difficult decisions," he said, referring to this semester's project: longer-range strategy.

Pattenaudd identified two processes on the agenda for spring. First, the university must complete by March 15 a first draft of a five-year strategic plan. This plan will inform the second undertaking, the restructuring of the institution. This second document should be completed by the end of April.

Based on planning assumptions, the president is projecting that USM will face another reduction in the state appropriation for the university in 1992-93, which begins on July 1. After accounting for the recent tuition

continued on p. 2

Budget Details

Cuts Being Implemented

* Savings recommended by ad hoc committees:

reduce mail services, printing and mailings, maintenance/alterations, number of special events, telecommunications, outside service contracts, department services, and increase recycling

\$140,000

* Hiring freeze, estimated 23 FTE staff positions unfilled, as of 10/91

\$320,000

* Cancellation of small classes, save 4 FTE faculty slots

\$60,000

* Cut travel not directly related to instruction, essential functions

\$130,000

* No new equipment

\$320,000

* 23% reduction in new supplies and materials

\$90,000

* Reduce library acquisitions to journals only

\$120,000

* Cut library & gym hours

\$5,000

* Merge Testing/Assessment and Management Information Systems: 2 positions unfilled

\$30,000

* Reduce secretarial support for ROTC and International Programs

\$10,000

* Cancel special programs, e.g., lectures, committees

\$20,000

* Reduce operating expenses: President's and Provost's offices; External Affairs/Development; Sponsored Research

\$35,000

* Reorganize Student Placement support staff; residence hall security staff

\$10,000

* New revenue: Summer session, sponsored programs, fall tuition

\$250,000

* Increase public service overhead by 3.5-7 percent

\$50,000

* Cash match for grants

\$10,000

Total positions lost/held vacant=30.5 Full Time Equivalent

Total Savings \$1,600,000



Controversial author and Columbus expert Kirkpatrick Sale will speak at USM.

Views of Columbus

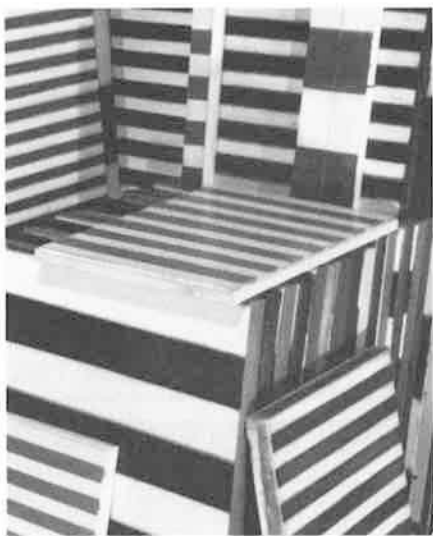
The Conquest of Paradise

Controversial author Kirkpatrick Sale will speak at USM on Monday, February 3. His book "The Conquest of Paradise: Christopher Columbus and the Columbian Legacy" was called the best of recent biographies of Columbus by U.S. News and World Report. Like his book, an extensively researched, revisionist history, Sale's lecture will strip away the myths about Columbus and reassess his accomplishments.

To Sale, it's not important whether Columbus was a good man. "What matters is that he brought over a culture centered on its own superiority. The failings of the man were and remain the failings of the culture."

What's important to Sale is that Columbus' landing in the Western Hemisphere replaced a culture in

continued on p. 2



"Corner View of Artist's Studio," a photo of canvases by Portland-based artist Frederick Lynch. Lynch, known for his lyrical abstract compositions and his vibrant sense of color, will give a talk on his work at 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 23 in Hastings Formal Lounge on the Gorham campus. His paintings will be on exhibit at the Art Gallery, Gorham, through February 13.

Student Play Honored

A one-act play written by student Steven Williams has been chosen to compete in the New England division of the American College Theatre Festival. Benefit performances the weekend of January 24 will fund participation of "Everything Sprite" in the regional competition.

Performances will be given at 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 24 and 4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 25 in the Lab Theatre, Russell Hall on the Gorham campus; and at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 26 in Luther Bonney Auditorium in Portland. Tickets for all three performances will be \$4. For more information, call 780-5483.

In addition, a special dinner/theatre production, hosted by President Pattenau, will be held on Saturday, January 25. For information/reservations, call Mary Schools at 780-4200.

The regional competition, to be held in Connecticut February 26 through March 1, will determine if the play will go on to the national performance festival held by ACTF at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., later in the spring.

Williams wrote "Everything Sprite" as part of a playwriting class, under the supervision of Walter Stump, professor of theatre. The play, directed by Will Kilroy, USM assistant professor of

theatre, was selected by ACTF judges as one of seven plays to compete in the Region 1 festival. USM has sent eight productions to the regional competitions in the past, one of which was chosen to perform at the Kennedy Center.

Coming soon: On February 7, Sean O'Casey's "Juno and the Paycock" about Ireland in 1922 will open on the Mainstage, Russell Hall. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 780-5483.

Columbus

continued from p. 1

balance with nature with one which strove to dominate and exploit nature. "Everything of importance in the succeeding 500 years stems from that momentous event," Sale claims, right down to "the impending catastrophe of ecocide for the planet earth."

Columbus revisions are not new, but the Denver Post said that of the many books published for the Quincentennial, "Patrick Sale's book will be the one by which all others are measured."

Sale, a graduate of Cornell University, is the author of six other social science books.

Sale will talk at 7:30 p.m., Monday, February 3 in Rooms A, B and C of the Portland Campus Center.

Early Visions of New England

Martyn J. Bowden, an expert on the history of geography, will give three lectures at USM this spring on European perceptions of New England prior to colonization. Bowden, professor of geography at Clark University, is the College of Arts and Sciences' Libra Professor this semester. The Libra professorships were made possible by a gift to the University of Maine System by Elizabeth B. Noyce in 1989.

The first lecture, at 4 p.m., Thursday, January 23 in Luther Bonney Auditorium on USM's Portland campus, is on Old World preconceptions of New England: "Islands of the Blessed, Earthly Paradise and the 'Golden City' of Norumbega." The lecture features slides from USM's Smith and Osher Collections of antique maps, atlases and globes.

Bowden's research focuses on image, symbol and myth in the American landscape and the geographic aspects of American tradition.

Budget

continued from p. 1

increase and for savings from the 1991-92 budget cuts now being implemented, the President and his staff are estimating USM's budget will need to be trimmed by another \$1.75 million.

Besides the drop in state funds, the reduction assumes a small planned reduction in enrollment, down by 300 students. The budget shortfall would be even higher, he said, if it weren't that many of the cuts now being put into place will have a continuing impact. The choices which must now be made to revamp the institution to best match the economic realities of the state will not be easy. "But in the end," he said, "I believe the university will emerge strong and vital."

The president plans to continue the consensual approach used last semester and has asked each campus senate to recommend members to the new University Planning/Budgeting Advisory Committee. This permanent committee, to be made up of seven faculty members, two professional staff, two classified staff, two students, and a representative of the Provost's staff, will replace the ad hoc committees which were appointed to serve through January 30. Members, half of whom have been selected by the senates and half by the president, will sit on the committee for an 18-month term. In the future the terms will be two years.

The committee is charged with advising the president "regarding long-term planning and budgetary issues, goals and strategic priorities. Annually it will review the University's Strategic Plan, Budget Request and budget allocations. The committee will meet periodically with the president for discussions on current plans and issues and will be called upon for special reports or commentary on emerging events. Staff support will be provided through the executive assistant to the president." The advisory committee will also consider ways to increase revenue.

Pattenau stressed that the new committee does not reduce the traditional role of deans, directors and department heads in making decisions. "An informed advisory committee of all campus constituencies simply makes for a richer discussion," he said.

The president commented that personnel retention remains a high priority. "We will try our best to achieve downsizing through attrition," he said.

Searches Underway for Deans

Provost John Deegan reports that search committees have been constituted for selection of deans for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and for the director of the Muskie Institute. He further announced that the search for a dean for the School of Nursing will be reopened. The school is now electing members for a new search committee.

The new dean of the School of Business, Economics and Management, Robert A. Patton, is now in office.

The School of Nursing deanship has been open since Nancy Greenleaf resigned. The position was filled on an acting basis by Kathleen MacPherson and is currently held by Julia Tiffany.

* Carol Lynn Davis, associate professor of human resource development, is chairing the search committee for the new COE dean. Dean Dorothy Moore announced her resignation earlier this academic year to return to teaching. Members of the committee are Libby Cohen, professor of special education; Charles Lyons, associate professor of education; Lynne Miller, professor of education; John Sutton, professor of education; George Lyons director of the Professional Development Center, representing the professional staff; alumna Marijane Fall; Kerry Bertalan, classified staff representative; student Marsha Winship; John Bay, representing the Council of Deans; and Superintendent of Freeport Schools Robert Lyman.

* Members of the search committee for the CAS dean are Ardis Cameron, assistant professor of New England studies; Donna Cassidy, assistant professor of art and New England studies; Bhisham Gupta, professor of applied mathematics; Robert Russell, associate professor of music; Lucinda Cole, assistant professor of English; Nance Gordon, associate professor of chemistry; Franklin Hodges, associate professor of geography; representing department chairs, John Ricci, professor of chemistry, and Julien Murphy, associate professor of philosophy; Dorothy Moore, dean of COE, representing the Council of Deans; Registrar John Keysor, representing professional staff; Jill Kendall, representing classified staff; and student Craig Shapiro. Irwin Novak, associate professor of geography, chairs the committee. Dean Dave Davis will have served CAS for four years and will join the archaeology faculty.

* Richard Barringer has served the

Muskie Institute as director since 1988. The MI search committee is chaired by Bruce Clary, professor of public policy and management. Members are Josephine LaPlante, associate professor of public policy and management; Dennis Gale, professor of public policy and management; Charles Colgan, associate professor of public policy and management; Andrew Coburn, MI associate director; Freda Bernotavicz, MI professional staff representative; Donald Zillman, dean of the School of Law, representing the Council of Deans; Deborah Berry, MI classified staff representative; alumnus James Damicis; student Katherine Freund; and Don Nicoll, representing the MI Board of Visitors.

Reaccreditation

In granting reaccreditation to USM, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) has commended university efforts to protect academic programs during a series of budget reductions.

The accreditation report, submitted to President Richard L. Pattenau, at the end of last semester, notes that the next comprehensive evaluation of the institution will be conducted in the spring of 2001—the maximum period allowed.

Barbara Brittingham, a dean at URI and chair of the NEASC commission, requested that USM submit a report in 1993 that demonstrates success in the following areas: response to further budget reductions that maintains the integrity of academic programs; development of a comprehensive plan that integrates the financial, facilities, enrollment management and fundraising needs of the institution; reduction of reliance on part-time faculty; and evaluation of the future need for doctoral programs.

"We commend the University for the strong commitment and dedication of the administration, faculty and staff to the attainment of the institution's mission and purposes," wrote Brittingham. The report also praised USM's self-study as well as several programs, including the Honors Program and Child Care Services.

The final accreditation report follows a NEASC team visit to USM during which team members concluded that USM is now perceived as an institution of quality rather than as a university of last resort.

The accreditation process began in 1989 when a representative committee of the campus community, under the



On January 4, Husky coach Ed Flaherty was honored as the 1991 NCAA Division III National Baseball Coach of the Year at the American Baseball Coaches Association convention in Dallas. Flaherty gave the credit to his players and assistant coaches, saying "All the honors are a reflection of the players. We've had 10 All-Americans since 1986." USM won the NCAA World Series and led the nation in hitting with a .382 average, and under Flaherty's guidance was the first college or university team in Maine to win a national championship in any sport. In six seasons as coach of the Huskies, Flaherty's record is 169-66, a winning percentage of .719. A Portland native, Flaherty graduated from the University of Maine where he was an outfielder/first baseman. In 1975 he was selected to the NCAA Division I All-American team. From 1981-85 he headed the baseball program at Deering High, winning a state Class A championship in 1983.

guidance of chair Henry C. Amoroso Jr. and Robert J. Goettel, prepared a self-study.

"This reaccreditation is an important milestone for us in that it offers an independent validation of our increasing quality," said Pattenau. "It also serves as a planning tool as we continue to meet the challenges of providing quality academic programs and services to the people we serve."

Copies of the full report are available in each campus library.

President's Office Hours

President Pattenau will be available in Gorham this spring on Wednesdays mornings, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the office he shares with Vice President of Student Affairs Larry Benedict on the first floor of Hastings Hall. His office hours in Portland continue to be Fridays, 10-11 a.m., except January 31.

What We're Doing

HENRY C. AMOROSO, associate professor of education, recently returned from an accreditation visit to Tunxis Community College, Farmington, Conn., put together by The New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He was responsible for evaluating organization, governance, planning and evaluation.

E. MICHAEL BRADY, professor of human resource development, and **RICHARD H. FORTINSKY**, director of the Center for Aging and Rehabilitation, Muskie Institute for Public Affairs, have published an article titled "Images of Success Among Older Workers in New Jobs" in the autumn 1991 issue of *Work*.

INDIA L. BROYLES, assistant professor of education, presented a paper titled, "Developing Collaborative Arrangements between Higher Education Institutions and School Districts," with two colleagues at the fall conference of the South East Regional Association of Teacher Educators held in Little Rock, Ark., November 7-9. The paper has subsequently been selected to appear in the first edition of the *S.E.R.A.T.E. Journal*.

DONALD J. CLARK, director, Continuing Education for Business, attended the 14th annual National Conference on Management and Professional Development Programs at Innisbrook, Fla., November 23-26, at which he presented a workshop titled "Building a Healthy Program Mix for the Growing Management Center." He is a member of the national advisory board that plans and coordinates the conference.

ANDREW F. COBURN, associate director of the Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, **DAVID LAMBERT**, research and advance study associate, and **CATHERINE A. MCGUIRE**, research associate, recently presented papers at the annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management and the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association on their study of Medicaid physician payment policy and beneficiary access to care, funded by the Prospective Payment Review Commission in Washington.

DIANE ELZE, research assistant, Child and Family Policy Center of the Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, has been selected for the National Training Team of Westover Consultants, Inc., of Washington D.C., to train youth-serving professionals on conducting HIV prevention work among high-risk youth.

JOEL I. GOLD, associate professor of associate business administration, successfully completed the New York Stock Exchange Stockbroker Series VII Examination at Waltham, Mass.

H. DRAPER HUNT III, professor of history, spoke to the Baxter Society on "Iconography of Lincoln," November 13.

DEBORAH KRICHELS, director of prospect research and special gifts, and **JOEL W. EASTMAN**, professor of history, each presented lectures on James Phinney Baxter in a series sponsored by the Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham, November 6, 13 and 27. Both Krichels and Eastman have written and lectured on the turn-of-the-century Portland mayor and philanthropist.

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, had his paper, "Dr. Janusz Korczak, the Supreme Child Advocate," read at the National Association for the Education of Young Children conference in Denver, Colo. on November 8.

REBECCA B. LOCKRIDGE, associate professor of communication, presented a paper titled, "Female Visions in Photography of the Progressive Era" at the 14th national convention for the Organization for Communication, Language and Gender in Milwaukee, Wis., last October. In November, she presented "Feminist Spiritual Communication: The Elemental Theory of Universality," at the Speech Communication annual convention in Atlanta, Ga. She was elected first vice president-elect of the Speech Communication Commission for Visual Communication.

SUSAN M. ROBERTS, special assistant to the vice president of Student Affairs, made two presentations at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, held in Boston, Mass., October 31-November 3. They were titled: "Exploring Alternative Paradigms in Higher Education Research: The Symbolic Interactionist Perspective," and "Construction of Role and the Shaping of Organizational Culture: A Symbolic Interactionist Study of Collegiate Mid-Level Managers in Student Affairs."

ROBERT M. SCHAIBLE, associate professor of literature and writing, Lewiston-Auburn College, was invited to present his paper, "The PC Debate: Where Politics, Epistemology, and Pedagogy Meet," at the 1991 annual conference at Montclair State College's Institute for Critical Thinking on November 1.

FRANCIS SCHWANAUER, professor of

philosophy, and **JOHANNAH M. SCHWANAUER**, lecturer in German, had their book, "Fables of the Fox: Seven Original Fables in Verse," reviewed by the Maine Sunday Telegram. The book was written by Francis and illustrated by Johannah.

BILL THORNTON, assistant professor of psychology, presented a colloquium, "Attributional and Cognitive Biases in Detecting Deception," at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Bermuda, November 25-26.

BART WEYAND, coordinator of International Student Language Services, presented a workshop titled, "Mime in the ESL Classroom" at a Northern New England Teachers of English as a Second or Other Language Conference at New Hampshire College. He was also elected president-elect of the organization.

KATHLEEN J. WININGER, assistant professor of philosophy, has a review article out on the book "My Sister and I" which is reputed to be by Friedrich Nietzsche. The review article is forthcoming in the philosophy journal *Telos* and argues for the authenticity of the text. Wininger, and **WILLIAM GAVIN**, professor of philosophy, represented USM at the University of Chicago conference, "Remapping General Education: Core Curricula and World Cultures" last November.

New Currents Schedule

As part of the university's cost saving efforts over the remainder of this fiscal year, the Office of Media and University Relations will cut back publication of *Currents* from biweekly to monthly throughout this semester. If a backlog of campus information warrants it, we will consider publishing additional issues, but in a less expensive, two-page format.

To cut costs further, *Events*, the weekly calendar of USM-sponsored activities, will now be sent to one department representative for circulation and/or posting. Please note that information on USM's activities also is available by calling the USM Events Line at 780-4500.

 **University of Southern Maine**
Currents
Office of Media Relations
96 Falmouth Street
Portland, ME 04103

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PORTLAND, ME
PERMIT # 370

Editors and Writers Robert S. Caswell, director;
Susan E. Swain

Sports Information Albert D. Bean Jr.

Editorial Assistance Judie A. O'Malley, Anne Schaff

Materials should be submitted to *Currents* 17 days prior to publication to: Media Relations, 96 Falmouth Street, Portland